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Christmas.

People will not be in a mood to read news-papers tomorrow. There will be too much fun. There will be eating, and drinking, and merry-making, and very little reading or thinking. Whether this should be so, not it will be so. We can not help it. We did not make the world.

Therefore, in acquiescence with the make-up of the world as it is, we join in and suspend the publication of the *Globe-Republic* tomorrow. We are not going to interfere with Christmas.

Christmas merrymakers, "hearts of gold" (Shakespeare), eaters of the fat turkey, gentlemen and ladies and children of the family reunions, receivers and givers of friendly gifts, remember the glad tidings— "Peace on earth, good will to men."

Suppose you make a grand Christmas gift to the Associated Charities of this town. It will do you good all winter to think of it.

This is the day on which the anxious householder is sweating great drops of blood over the problem of what to buy for Christmas presents—if not where to get the money for the purchases.

Balkan war stopped. British elections over; congress gone home, supreme court of Ohio adjourned sine die; signs of dread disarray? the news to the square miles of the earth's surface today is not the making of history.

The business men who advertised simply in the *Globe-Republic* are having a jolly time these holidays. They will enjoy their Christmas and New Year's. Those who did not advertise say they never saw so dull a trade within their remembrance.

The kids appear to be shaping things so as to hog all the plaves of profit and honor in the Ohio senate as against the muckucks. The muckucks are expected to ratify the Hamilton-county forgery and then confirm the Gang's title to all the untrustworthy. And the muckucks will grum and squeal at little, and then do it all the same.

Now a family in Cleveland have been eating raw hau; and they have got it—trichinosis. The microscope revealed in the raw pork what is the matter with them. People who eat raw pork may well ask the ethical question, "Is life worth living?" The worms, however, are not bothered with any such subtle questions. "Life is real, life is earnest; to thee and to me raw swine meat 'tis not god."

Look to our advertising columns for preferable places to buy your holiday goods. These people who are exhibited in the news-paper are the tradesmen who know they have the good thing, and hence have the nerve to say so in bold print. They expect to sell more on account of this publicity, and, as a consequence, they can afford to sell more cheaply than those who sell less on account of their retiring disposition. It is always a saving of money to patronize the liberal advertisers.

Remember your poor relatives in your Christmas merrymaking. If you have no poor relatives, remember the poor that are somebody else's relatives—and your relatives, too, by only a little farther removed.

"It is more blessed to give than to receive. A sack of flour or a load of coal to some needy family you will be worth more to your sweetness of mind than a gift of rubies, or cigars, or champagne to a friend who does not need the same, or who is abundantly able to buy if he does. Give gifts to the poor."

Viceroy Li, of China, has donated through the Celestial delegation at Washington, the sum of \$300 to the construction of the Grant monument. So communicates Cheng Tsoo Ju to the American secretary of state. And Cheung himself adds \$200 to that. This is a graceful testimonial of the Chinese memory of Grant to Grant's commemoration, though not as large as might have been looked for from some of the New-York gentlemen who have the fragments of the wreck of Grant's fortune in their pockets.

The editor of the Springfield *Globe-Republic*, with Cincinnati south of him, and column after his Dayton neighbor stretches his neck over to the west. It is astounding, isn't it, Editor Bissell, that the *Evening Journal* and the *Citizen* are still in the same company? Seems to us, Curtis Kinney must be getting some intended in the event of his death, and Constantine, of other plans to transmute his present into a future that will bring him more than a few thousand dollars.

Yes, yes, among peers. But what have our Bookwalter and Constantine particularly been doing to merit this present status at Springfield, which is the center wherefrom has radiated the saving reprobate, which is about to inaugurate Foaker, redene the supreme court, and put Sherman back into the U. S. Senate? We have done our best to overcome the following Columbus thing:

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And the following Cincinnati thing:

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The President's Succession.

The hour bill for the presidential succession, which has passed the senate, is objectionable in that it provides for an accidental president who would be in no sense the choice of the people. No one could argue that, in the event of Mr. Cleveland's demise or disability, Mr. Secretary Bayard, why by this bill is contemplated as his successor, would be an acceptable president to the people of this country. His record is offensive to the republican party, and he could not have been nominated or elected by the democratic party, and much less could he be nominated or elected now.

The bill, in effect, empowers the president to choose his own successor. The men he selects for his cabinet may be displeasing to his own party and disliked by the opposing party. Yet

courtesy to the president demands that both parties in the senate shall acquiesce unquestioningly in his own choice of his executive family, provided there are no constitutional obstacles in the way of their confirmation. Suppose Cleveland had taken a motion to make John B. McLean, of the Cincinnati Enquirer, secretary of state instead of Bayard. Does anybody doubt that McLean would have been confirmed? And does anybody believe that, in that case, his accidental succession to the presidency under this bill would have been an event the eight or ten million voters of the United States would have accepted with favor?

No, the bill is undemocratic. It is monolithic in its tendency. It is a growth toward personal government and hereditary. It is opposed to the spirit of the constitution, which makes the chief magistrate elective by the people and provides an elective substitute for him in the vice-president. This fully makes *solitaria*, and leaves him to be selected virtually by one man, and that man his predecessor.

And the bill is undemocratic. It is open to another objection. It allows a new election in cases of such a lapse of the presidency as it contemplates. The selected accidental president is to hold the office till the end of the term for which the elected president was entitled to sit. The people are not to be consulted at all, when their elected president and vice-president both fall them; but must endure till the end of the elective four years, whatever president a bad choice dictated by personal and partisan motives may have inflicted upon them.

In these respects the bill would not be as good a law as the one we now have. The president pro tempore of the senate and the speaker of the house are representatives of the people, elected by the people. It might happen that, coming to the presidency by accident, they would not represent in the executive majority party; but they would represent a minority party that was strong enough to control one of both houses of congress; and that would be better than to represent responsibility no party at all, as would be the case with the successors provided for by this bill.

The bill is wrong in principle, and we hope a substitute for it will be brought forward in the house. Several substitutes have been suggested. One is that the presidential electors be vested with their powers for the whole presidential term, and be authorized, in case of a vacancy, to nominate and choose a person to fill it. This would secure the succession to the party who chose the electors. But the elector's position would then be an office of outlawry and forgotten responsibility, an office in the air, an office for sale.

A better substitute is that proposed by the *New York Sun*. It is that the house of representatives be empowered to elect a president in case of a vacancy, just as it is now empowered in case of a failure to elect by the popular vote. The house represents the people. It is direct from the people. It would be the fittest instrument in such a case to act for the people.

This would be the simple, democratic, responsible machinery, and could be promptly and speedily set in motion. If the house were in session, it could act at once. If not in session, provision could be made by which it could be called at once.

This is the plain solution of the vexed question, and we hope the house will give it a careful consideration. It would have to take the form of a constitutional amendment, but we believe such an amendment should be adopted by the states almost unanimously.

A MYSTERIOUS CASE.

A Death in Dayton Supposed to Have Been

From Poison Taken in Springfield,
Dayton Journal.

The case of Jennie Heagle, who was found dead in her last Saturday morning, is being investigated, is exciting a good deal of interest and comment. There is something so strange and perplexing about the whole affair that it looks very much as if the lady in some way was foully poisoned. Her death is being attributed to poisoning, and a full investigation is being made.

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